



TROY HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WEEKLY



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I am looking forward to a wonderful Friday as we wrap up our regular week. I know I have said this before, but for whatever reason four day school weeks are hectic! I believe we fill the four days with five days of work! That being said, it has been a good week at Troy High School, and a very good week in athletics with Boys' and Girls' Soccer having great matches and wins. Boys' and Girls' Basketball and Wrestling had huge wins vs. Sonora High School, teams that always are a challenge for us. Last but not least, our Girls' Water Polo continues to play and perform at a level which is indicative of the amazing dedication and work they put into this incredibly difficult sport.

This week we received some great news when I was able to sit down with PJHM architects, and they showed me the preliminary plans for our new swimming pool complex. We will have more information available shortly, and I want to meet with our Aquatics Boosters in addition to our Troy Staff Members to show them the very detailed plans. The drawings of the swimming pool, and the entire new pool complex are fantastic. If it is possible to have a pool that is 100% better, then the architect nailed it. I look forward to sharing these plans with all Troy stakeholders! It is only fitting to once again thank our Board of Trustees and Superintendent for enabling the steps that allow us to move forward with this updated facility!

On Tuesday, most of the Troy admin team and the entire class of students in Mr. Chris Blume's ERWC class had the good fortune to experience the engaged classroom environment of Socratic seminar. The table had been set for this lesson over a couple days to present and provide background on serious topics concerning the juvenile justice system. At issue was the

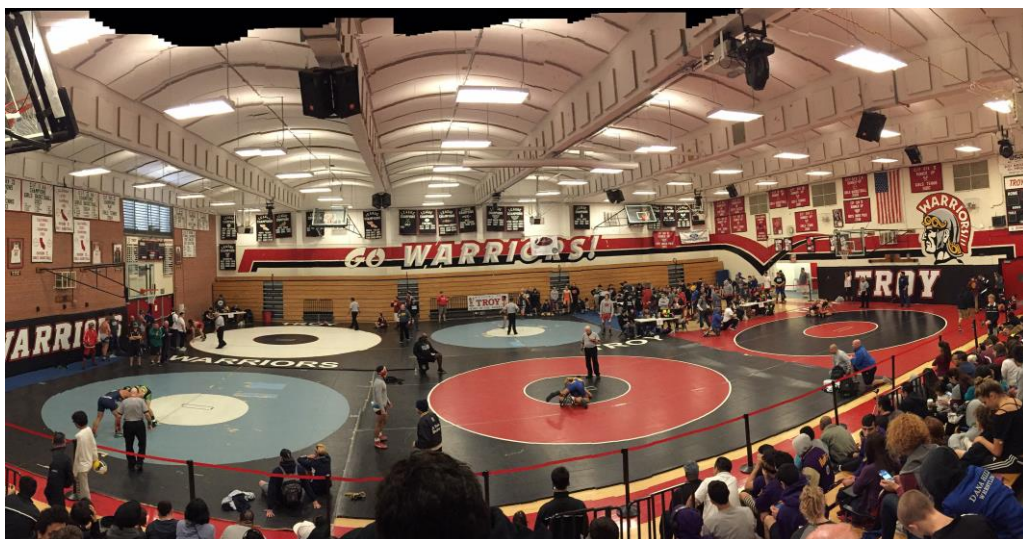
question of whether or not juveniles should be treated like adults after committing serious crimes. It was very interesting to see the varying viewpoints expressed as students dialoged on this important issue. To be fair, this is a topic that consumes people that work and spend their entire careers in juvenile justice, so to see the very informed and measured way Troy students in Mr. Blume's class treated this issue was very illuminating. Our students made very strong cases regarding the issues of justice, punishment, correction, age of understanding right from wrong, and addressing the concept of at what age is someone an adult and should be held responsible for their actions. The class was very engaged and the lesson was memorable for the students and the observers. ☺ It was a great day in Mr. Blume's class!

Today is the NJROTC Annual Inspection, which will be held in the North Gym. For NJROTC students, this will take up most of the day. Thank you to Commander Stubblefield for frontloading the Troy Staff well in advance! Last year was my first opportunity to experience this event and there were several parts that stood out to me. First, the national anthem was performed by one of the cadets and was one of the best performance I have ever heard—almost Whitney Houston. Second, the outstanding ability demonstrated by the entire group of students to march and stay in formation is simply amazing. Lastly, every year a picture is taken of the entire NJROTC unit which is comprised of almost 400 students in formation and placed according to height, with officers and instructors strategically situated. It is a great picture, and one that parents take with their own cameras prior to receiving the official photo. This will be a nice event, and we look forward to having more than a few distinguished guests and numerous parents with us as well to see this outstanding event!

Last Friday our Red Cross Club held a second blood drive on campus. This event was even more successful than the one we held in the fall, as we collected 109 units of blood. According to club advisor, Ms. Charlotte Kirkpatrick, this exceeded the goal of 98 units! Additional data provided to us by the Red Cross included the fact that the blood donated by Troy students is enough to save 327 lives! That is certainly something of which we can be proud, and literally a way in which Troy gives back to our community. Great job Warriors!

Last evening we held the annual Troy Tech Information Night for 8th graders and their parents. The seats were full on the North side of the gym to see student demonstrations, testimonies, and Power Points designed to introduce prospective students and their parents to what Troy offers. Thank you to Troy Tech coordinator, Ms. Laurie Downum and IB Coordinator, Ms. Charlotte Kirkpatrick for organizing this event. Additional thanks to Commander Alan Stubblefield and his NJROTC team and Mr. Joseph Castillo and the Band / Orchestra as they arranged for the color guard and music performances to begin this event. Further additional thanks to all the student presenters: Thanasi Bakis, Daniel Flanagan, Brittney Nguyen, Kaitlyn Hopkins, Safwaan Khan, Liza Mathews, Ava Mattis, Allan Wu, Joshua Yen, and Hannah Ro. All these students, plus those playing music and our color guard took their time to help ensure Troy High School continues to attract the best and brightest from throughout the region. Thank you to everyone for making Troy High School the outstanding school for which we are known! We are Warriors now and forever!

Yesterday evening at approximately 9:00pm, our Warriors Wrestling Team defeated Sonora High School the reigning Freeway league champions for the past two years. Coach, Mr. Christian Nguyen relayed the exciting news and how our team has been performing at a very high level. Thus far in league we remain undefeated, with wins also over Sunny Hills and Fullerton. We know there are some tough matches ahead with Buena Park and La Habra, but we are keeping our eyes on the Freeway League title and beyond! Great job Troy Wrestling!



This weekend looks to be a little on the rainy side prior to a warm up next week. We are still waiting for the El Nino level rain we have been promised, but I don't think we will be waiting too much longer. Certainly, things are not going to slow down at Troy. For the next two weekends we have Troy Tech / Honors / IB Testing. First tomorrow and the last testing date on January 30th. Our Girls' Basketball is in a tournament, and our Science Olympiad is at MIT dealing with the other national teams looking to knock off the defending Science Olympiad National Champions! It is going to be a great weekend for Troy High School! Have a wonderful weekend, and I will see everyone back here on Monday morning!

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